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Addendum

United Nations Fund for Science and
Technology for Development

and

United Nations Revolving Fund for
Natural Resources Exploration

The Governing Council,

Recognizing the importance of the work accomplished by the United Nations Fund for Science and Technology for Development in such areas as science and technology strategy, information systems, quality control and maintenance, and technology entrepreneurship; and by the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration in mineral and geothermal exploration,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on the United Nations Fund for Science and Technology for Development and on the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration (DP/1990/59);

2. Welcomes the efforts by the Administrator to improve the cost-effectiveness and productivity of both Funds through cost-saving measures, and urges that these efforts be continued;

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3. Approves the proposal by the Administrator to entrust the management of the two Funds to a single office while maintaining the identity of both Funds and their respective operating procedures and mandates, and welcomes his decision, which should lead to considerable savings in personnel and other administrative costs;

4. Notes with concern the financial situation of both Funds and the current imbalance between core and non-core funding, and thus invites interested Governments and other interested parties to respond positively to the need for both Funds to increase the core resources and to consolidate and diversify co-financing arrangements;

5. Acknowledges the specific roles played by both Funds in the development context.

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Addendum

Report on mid-term reviews of country, intercountry and global programmes

The Governing Council,

Recalling the Consensus of 1970 (General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV)) of 11 December 1970,

Recognizing the importance of monitoring programme implementation to ensure that the United Nations Development Programme activities are achieving their objectives, are using resources effectively, and are responding to changing needs and circumstances,

1. Notes the mid-term reviews of country programmes under the fourth programming cycle (DP/1990/38 and Add.1-10), including the overview report of the Administrator, the summaries of the country mid-term reviews, the regional and global and interregional reviews, and the evaluation of the review process;

2. Considers that the mid-term review has proven to be a useful management tool, both for guiding the fourth cycle programmes and planning fifth cycle programmes;

3. Notes the importance of the participation of Governments, representatives of the United Nations Development Programme headquarters and field offices, and co-operating agencies in the mid-term reviews;

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4. Requests the United Nations Development Programme to increase its efforts to ensure the appropriate involvement of those United Nations agencies executing United Nations Development projects;

5. Requests the Administrator to complete the series of mid-term reviews of programmes and decides to consider additional mid-term reviews at its next session on the same basis as decided in decisions 88/19 and 89/11, in particular paragraph 2;

6. Requests the Administrator to include in his reports to the Governing Council at its thirty-eighth session concerning programme implementation of selected country programmes information on steps taken and those intended to be taken to follow up on the recommendations of the country and regional mid-term reviews;

7. Urges the Administrator to give due consideration to the recommendations of the evaluations of the mid-term review process, including an issues paper preceding each exercise and a substantive overview paper to be submitted to the Council.

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Addendum

United Nations technical co-operation activities

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision 89/50 of 30 June 1989, which, inter alia, urges the United Nations Development Programme and the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development to develop a more effective division of labour, in which the comparative strengths and capacities of both the United Nations Development Programme, including the Office for Project Services, and the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development are fully utilized to maximum advantage,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on United Nations technical co-operation activities (DP/1990/56 and Add.1-3) and the views expressed during the debate,

1. Notes the increase in the 1989 project delivery by the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development and its continued efforts to lower its administrative expenditures as well as the measures taken to enhance its effectiveness and responsiveness to the changing needs for the technical co-operation of developing countries;

2. Notes the continuous increase in the utilization of the capacity of the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development in the needs assessment and project formulation missions of the United Nations Population Fund as well as in programme formulation, sectoral analysis and technical backstopping, and encourages the Fund to continue to make full use of the Department's capacity, bearing in mind the needs of developing countries, in particular those surfacing as a result of the 1990 round of censuses;

3. Urges the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development to continue to provide support, in collaboration with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to the least developed countries in the preparation of the background country papers for the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries to be held in Paris, and to remain involved in any follow-up to the Conference at the global and country levels;

4. Reiterates the importance of intensifying co-operation between the United Nations Development Programme and the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development in the provision of technical and management services as well as non-project types of activities in sectoral areas where the Department has already developed the necessary technical expertise, capacity and experience;

5. Encourages the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development to increase its involvement in programmatic exercises organized by the United Nations Development Programme, such as round-table conferences and national technical co-operation and assessment programmes, and urges the United Nations Development Programme, to this end, to ensure that full advantage be taken of the institutional capacity of the Department;

6. Recommends that the United Nations Development Programme take full advantage of the technical services of the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development in areas of growing international concern such as conservation and the environment, thereby facilitating the involvement of the Department in pilot activities and interorganizational mechanisms such as the pilot global environmental facility;

7. Urges the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development to intensify its support to national/government execution, in particular the use of the Department's development advisory services to assist in sectoral programme/project identification, formulation, monitoring and evaluation;

8. Encourages the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development to pursue its efforts to expand training both at national, regional and interregional level, in the process aspects of technical co-operation in order to enhance government capacity for project execution and implementation, as well as its proposals to establish or strengthen central management and implementation units within government offices upon request of the Governments;

9. Emphasizes the need for the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development to maintain its ability to respond effectively to the needs of developing countries;

10. Requests the Administrator to report to the Governing Council at its thirty-eighth session (1991) on the results of the efforts of the United Nations Development Programme and the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development to establish a more effective division of labour and a more effective complementary relationship, and to devise ways and means of eliminating duplicative administrative support activities and strengthening technical support activities.

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Addendum

Human development

The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 44/213 of 22 December 1989,

Affirming that development is not simply a means to economic growth but a process to enlarging people's choices,

Reaffirming the importance of promoting and increasing technical co-operation in the area of human development in order to assist developing countries with the development of their human resources,

1. Takes note of the effort being made by the United Nations Development Programme in the area of human development, including the publication of the Human Development Report;

2. Requests the Administrator to assist with the convening of regional consultations, within existing resources, so that the specific human development concerns and priorities of developing countries can be identified and taken into account in the context of the future work to be undertaken on this issue;

3. Further requests the Administrator to inform the Council of the outcome of these consultations at the thirty-eighth session of the Governing Council in order to facilitate a decision on future work in the area of human development.

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Addendum

Refugees, displaced persons and returnees

The Governing Council,

Taking note of the substantial increase in the number of refugees, returnees and displaced persons and their impact on the development prospects of the already fragile economic infrastructures of the countries concerned,

Stressing that developmental problems posed by refugees and displaced persons and returnees are multifaceted and, therefore, require a system-wide approach in order to ensure that the full spectrum of needs are covered, and that development plans and programmes can greatly encourage and facilitate the repatriation as the best durable solution,

Recognizing the primacy of the mandate of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in providing international protection to refugees and in seeking permanent solutions to their problems,

Recognizing that relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and development, are part of the same continuum, and recognizing the role of the Resident Co-ordinator in the United Nations system of operational activities,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on refugees and displaced persons - Present and future role of the United Nations Development Programme in the field of refugee aid and development (DP/1990/66); and draws attention to the May 1990 report of the temporary working group of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Executive Committee;

2. Welcomes the increasingly close co-operation between the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United Nations Development Programme, both at headquarters and at the field level, to ensure that their respective mandates and capacities are fully exploited both for programme formulation and resource mobilization;

3. Commends the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United Nations Development Programme in this regard for drawing up annual joint work programmes aimed at promoting greater co-ordination between both organizations;

4. Encourages the United Nations Development Programme to play an active role in assisting concerned Governments to assess the impact of and take into account the problems of refugees, displaced persons and returnees in their development plans and programmes, which could help attract additional co-financing or other resources;

5. Invites the Administrator to continue the participation of the United Nations Development Programme, in close consultation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, in the rehabilitation, reconstruction and long-term development of areas affected by massive population displacements in accordance with its development mandate as an organization which funds technical assistance;

6. Encourages the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to collaborate with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and other relevant United Nations organizations, including the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Health Organization, the International Labour Organisation, the World Food Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Volunteers, and with non-governmental organizations, in carrying out activities related to providing development assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons;

7. Authorizes the Administrator to utilize for the remainder of the fourth programming cycle, as needed, up to $500,000 from the Special Programme Resources allocation for disaster relief activities, for the prompt assessment of needs caused by population displacements;

8. Requests the United Nations Development Programme, in effectively carrying out its co-ordination function, to offer training to its field staff and relevant national government staff, in order to develop competence to react effectively in situations that result from population displacements and to plan rehabilitation activities;

9. Invites the Economic and Social Council to request the United Nations Secretary-General to initiate a United Nations system-wide review which, inter alia, will assess the experience and capacity of various organizations in assisting all categories of refugees, displaced persons and returnees, and the whole spectrum of their needs, in supporting the efforts of the affected countries to address the problem;

10. Calls upon the United Nations Development Programme to report to the Governing Council on all items contained in this decision at its thirty-eighth session (1991).

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Addendum

Non-governmental and grass-roots organizations

The Governing Council,

Recalling paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 44/211 of 22 December 1989 and Governing Council decision 89/26 of 30 June 1989,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on the United Nations Development Programme co-operation with non-governmental organizations and grass-roots organizations (DP/1990/25) and of the views expressed thereon;

2. Takes note with satisfaction of the implementation of the Africa 2000 Network and the Partners in Development Programme and the mechanisms in place for these two programmes for supporting micro-level initiatives by indigenous non-governmental organizations and through popular participation in local community activities;

3. Requests the Administrator to expand non-governmental organizations and grass-roots activities within United Nations Development Programme programmes to other developing regions;

4. Recognizes the particular contribution which such organizations can make, complementary to government efforts, in building national capacity in the areas of poverty alleviation, popular participation, sustainable human development and environment;

5. Requests the Administrator to draw on the experience of these organizations, as appropriate, in co-ordination with Governments, at their request, to implement national strategies in these areas and to report thereon to the Governing Council at its thirty-eighth session (1991).

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United Nations Volunteers programme

The Governing Council,

Recognizing the significant progress made by the United Nations Volunteers programme as noted in document DP/1990/57 and Add.1 in implementing decisions 88/38 and 88/46 of 1 July 1988 as well as decisions 89/21 and 89/29 of 30 June 1989,

1. Takes note of the role of the United Nations Volunteers programme as an important instrument for development co-operation, including all the activities within its mandate;

2. Considers that the role of volunteers as development agents should be explicitly recognized in the international development strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade;

3. Requests the Administrator to make widely available the programme advisory note on the appropriate role of volunteers in development among organizations, agencies and institutions concerned with development co-operation;

4. Further requests that the United Nations Volunteers programme continue the annual consultative process with its full range of partners around a substantive theme of common interest to volunteer-sending organizations and requests the Administrator to include a report on these meetings in his biennial report to the Governing Council on the United Nations Volunteers programme;

5. Encourages the United Nations Volunteers programme to undertake joint planning and programming of volunteer specialist assignments with United Nations agencies and bilateral volunteer sending organizations;

6. Decides that the United Nations Volunteers programme should continue to provide support to youth programmes, as called for by its mandate, complementing the roles of the United Nations specialized agencies in this area;

7. Notes the importance of the support provided by the United Nations Volunteer specialists to the relief and rehabilitation activities undertaken by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and other United Nations organizations for refugees, displaced persons and returnees;

8. Invites Governments, in light of the importance attached to the role of the United Nations Volunteers programme, to contribute generously to the Special Voluntary Fund for general as well as specific purposes thus, inter alia, enabling the United Nations Volunteers programme to respond to urgent requests for specialists;

9. Concurs that the title and acronym "DDS", designated Domestic Development Services, be retained in respect of the projects and field workers engaged in the Participatory Development Programme;

10. Requests the Administrator to mobilize resources to place Domestic Development Services activities of the United Nations Volunteers programme on a more secure basis;

11. Further requests that the technical co-operation among developing countries also be used increasingly as a modality in the sphere of the United Nations Volunteers;

12. Invites the Administrator to continue consultations with Governments and volunteer-sending organizations with a view to identifying a substantive theme for the third intergovernmental meeting on volunteers and development;

13. Suggests that specific dates of the future sessions of the Governing Council be set aside for discussion of the United Nations Volunteers programme to enable participation of officals of the Governments and co-operating organizations.

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Addendum

Role of the United Nations Development Programme in the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990

The Governing Council,

Recalling the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990, adopted by the General Assembly (S-13/2, annex) and the subsequent decision 86/27 of 27 June 1986 adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme authorizing and encouraging the Administrator to assist in the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 44/24 of 17 November 1989 on Africa's alternative framework for structural adjustment programmes,

Further recalling General Assembly resolution 44/211 on the comprehensive triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system,

Taking note of resolution 698 (XXV) of May 1990 of the Economic Commission for Africa's meeting of African Planning and Finance Ministers on the final review and appraisal of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development, 1986-1990,

1. Takes note of the Administrator's report contained in document DP/1990/30;

2. Notes with regret that the evaluations requested of the United Nations Development Programme in paragraph 12 of Governing Council decision 89/31 have not been completed and requests that these evaluations be submitted to the Governing Council at its thirty-eighth session (1991);

3. Requests analyses of (a) the resources situation at the conclusion of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development in comparison to the situation prior to the programme; (b) the statistical profile of the programme for the same period; and (c) the priority gaps in technical co-operation now considered to exist in Africa which have emerged since the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development commenced;

4. Invites the Administrator to organize a further series of subregional cluster meetings, within the existing economic groupings as well as regional meetings with the African Planning and Finance Ministers in 1991 to assist in the preparation for the final review and appraisal of the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development;

5. Requests the Administrator to contribute to the preparations for the final review of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development, including on the role of the United Nations Development Programmes in possible successor arrangements to the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development;

6. Requests the Administrator, to initiate measures to assist the countries themselves to identify specific needs, including training and programmes designed to build up national capacities to enable African countries to undertake effective and genuine national execution of the United Nations funded programmes and projects in the fifth cycle;

7. Further requests the Administrator to intensify his efforts with regard to a greater use of African national expertise, including women, technical co-operation facilities, national subcontractors, and the purchase of equipment locally, subregionally, and regionally, including those concerning preferential treatment of developing countries, in order to enhance the absorption capacity of African countries and to report thereon;

8. Requests the United Nations Development Programme to intensify its co-operation with African Governments and relevant organizations in giving assistance to the process of increasing and improving regional economic co-operation and integration in Africa;

9. Requests the United Nations Development Programme in consultation with relevant regional institutions and organizations, as well as the United Nations Environment Programme, to assist African Governments in designing national environmental plans to be submitted in preparation for their effective participation at the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development to be held in Brazil;

10. Requests the Administrator to ensure the continuation of close co-ordination between the two regional bureaux concerned with the implementation of technical co-operation activities undertaken in all African countries in response to the Programme of Action;

11. Requests the Administrator to report to the Governing Council at its thirty-eighth session on the implementation of this decision.

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Addendum

Special Plan of Economic Co-operation for Central America

The Governing Council,

Recalling, General Assembly resolutions 42/204 of 11 December 1987, 42/231 of 12 May 1988, 43/210 of 10 December 1988, 44/10 of 23 October 1989 and 44/182 of 19 December 1989, on the Special Plan of Economic Co-operation for Central America,

Recalling also its decisions 88/31 of 1 July 1988 and 89/31 of 30 June 1989,

Bearing in mind the declaration of Montelimar, Nicaragua, of 3 April 1990, signed by the Presidents of Central America, in which they recognized that the Special Plan is a valuable instrument of the process of regional pacification and democratization and in which they stressed the importance of the Special Plan continuing with the financial support of the United Nations Development Programme,

1. Takes note of the progress being made on the Special Plan of Economic Co-operation for Central America, indicated in the report of the Administrator and in the supplement presented by the Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, in his capacity as Co-ordinator of the Special Plan, and encourages the Division for Central America to continue its activities for the implementation of the goals and objectives of the Plan;

2. Takes note of the request made by the Governments of the Central American States and contained in document DP/1990/43/Add.2 that the Governing Council should allocate funds for the Special Plan from the Special Programme Resources for the fifth programming cycle in support of the peace process in the region;

3. Decides that the United Nations Development Programme should continue to take the necessary steps to fulfil its role as set out in the Special Plan.

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Addendum

Management Development Programme

The Governing Council,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administator on the implementation of the Management Development Programme (DP/1990/23);

2. Requests the Administrator to continue to implement in the most efficient manner the Management Development Programme on the basis of decision 88/31 of 1 July 1988;

3. Urges the United Nations Development Programme to continue to strengthen the management capacity of developing countries through enhanced co-ordination of the network of consultants in this area and to publish, if necessary, a methodological guide on these issues for the use of consultants;

4. Requests the Administrator to arrange an evaluation of the Management Development Programme, inter alia, to see whether optimum use is beingmade of the capacity of the United Nations agencies and to see whether a more focused approach would be appropriate, and to submit its findings together with his report on the Programme to the Governing Council at its thirty-eighth session (1991).

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Questions relating to Namibia

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator relating to Namibia (DP/1990/37) and the views expressed thereon;

2. Notes with satisfaction that the Administrator has established, in consultation with the international donor community, a trust fund for Namibia during the transitional period to mobilize resources for preparatory activities and the preparation of contingency assistance programmes;

3. Notes that the United Nations Development Programme, in co-operation with the United Nations Department of Technical Co-operation for Development and the United Nations Statistical Office, has undertaken a mission to estimate the population and gross domestic product figures to assist in determining an indicative planning figure for the balance of the fourth cycle;

4. Endorses the Administrator's proposal to consolidate the funds available from the fourth cycle indicative planning figure for Namibia, which, including the independence bonus, total $15.670 million, including the uncommitted portion of the indicative planning figure for national liberation movements available for the South West Africa Peoples' Organization;

5. Authorizes the Administrator to utilize these fourth cycle indicative planning figure funds for programmes and projects for Namibia during the remainder of the fourth cycle;

6. Requests the Administrator to include information on the utilization of the established fourth cycle indicative planning figure for Namibia as well as, in co-ordination with the Government of Namibia, on the contribution of United Nations Development Programme assistance in the co-ordination of external assistance in the context of the annual report on the implementation of selected country programmes for the Africa region.

7. Invites all Governments to contribute generously to the Namibia trust fund at the donors' conference to be held in June 1990.

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Addendum

Environment

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision 89/28 of 30 June 1989,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on environment (DP/1990/27) and the statement of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;

2. Notes that the strategy and the action plan outlined in the report of the Administrator on the environment (DP/1990/27) address General Assembly resolutions 44/227 and 44/228 of 22 December 1989 and the resolution adopted by the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development A/44/48;

3. Also notes the working relationship between the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development secretariat, the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Bank with respect to the environment, including the ongoing discussions on the proposed Global Environment Facility;

4. Further notes (a) the integrated and multisectoral view of development, environment and poverty alleviation that provide the framework for all United Nations Development Programme technical co-operation and (b) the fact that the preparations for the United Nations Conference on

Environment and Development 1992 may offer unique opportunities for expanded technical co-operation in support of institution- and capacity-building for sustainable development;

5. Endorses the following actions by the United Nations Development Programme: (a) Resident Representatives act as representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development; (b) support in consultation with the United Nations Environment Programme and other relevant organizations to countries, at their request, in preparing their country reports and in facilitating active participation by development and environmental non-governmental organizations and independent sector organizations; (c) collaboration with regional economic commissions and regional development banks in support of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development through the formulation of regional development and environment agenda;

6. Requests the Administrator to continue to pursue in consultation with Governments: (a) the establishment of a sustainable development network at the country and regional levels; (b) the application of environmental management guidelines at all programme and project cycle levels, including training and gender concerns, as a means to operationalize sustainable development in the United Nations Development Programme activities in support of the development priorities of Governments;

7. Requests the Administrator to utilize fully national expertise on environmental actions at the country level;

8. Further requests the Administrator to earmark thematic special programme resources in accordance with their fourth cycle availability and other established priorities in support of these actions and related activities commensurate with the scope and nature of these actions.

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Addendum

Elements of a funding strategy for the United Nations
Development Progamme

The Governing Council,

Recalling part II of its decision 89/20 of 30 June 1989 and General Assembly resolution 44/211 of 22 December 1989,

1. Takes note of the Administrator's report on the elements of a funding strategy for the United Nations Development Programme (DP/1990/20) and the comments made thereon;

2. Also takes note of the views expressed by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions concerning the importance of maintaining an appropriate balance between core and non-core resources (DP/1989/56), and the views expressed by delegations on this report, inter alia, concerning the implications resulting from the use of non-core resources;

3. Emphasizes the primary importance attached to funding through core resources, and at the same time recognizes the value of non-core resources, provided they are designed to serve as a means of ensuring additional resource flows and that the programmes and projects financed through such resources are coherently and effectively integrated in the technical co-operation programmes

of the country appropriately and within the mandate of the United Nations Development Programme; and in the technical co-operation programmes within the United Nations system; are activities in which the United Nations Development Programme has a comparative advantage; and are in accordance with national priorities;

4. Recognizes the need for the United Nations Development Programme, within existing resources, to develop public awareness of its programmes and to develop a clearer profile in order to sharpen its image as a unique multilateral development funding agency in the context of technical co-operation for development;

5. Requests the Administrator, in order to increase awareness of the contributions of the United Nations Development Programme to development, to identify, in co-ordination with the Governments and taking into account their development priorities, those specific activities and services in which the Programme has proven to be most effective in achieving development goals as well as those which have been eliminated;

6. Emphasizes the need for the United Nations Development Programme effectively to respond to government requests for technical co-operation in enhancing national capacity including in such important areas as poverty alleviation and investment in people, in particular women in development, better economic management, and environmentally sound and sustainable economic growth;

7. Calls on the Administrator to explore in co-ordination with the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation and taking into account his forthcoming proposals to the General Assembly on co-ordination at the country level, and as part of an overall effort to improve the co-ordination of the programming of United Nations system technical assistance activities, the concept of an expanded country programme - based on a United Nations Development Programme-assisted government assessment of technical assistance needs - part of which will be financed from the United Nations Development Programme core funds while, for the balance, seeking the required non-core financing either from bilateral or multilateral sources;

8. Encourages the Administrator to continue his efforts to develop such additional non-core avenues, within the framework of the country programme, inter alia, through increased cost sharing and government counterpart contributions while taking due account of the neutrality and universality of the Programme;

9. Invites all Governments to increase, to the extent possible, their voluntary financial support to the United Nations Development Programme;

10. Requests the Administrator, with a view to attracting such increased voluntary contributions, to improve programme quality and effectiveness, including improved management, by undertaking the following steps:

(a) Concentrate resources in consultation with governments on those areas or activities in which the United Nations Development Programme can maximize its advantages compared to other development co-operation programmes and which also accord with the established priorities of the recipient Governments, so as to improve the programme focus and quality as well as to reduce the administrative costs;

(b) Increase integration into the country programming process of the resources available from the funds under the authority of the Administrator;

(c) Streamline the United Nations Development Programme operations through the merger of trust funds, services and programmes to simplify administration and provide a clearer focus to the programme;

(d) Strengthen monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to ensure that evaluation results have retroactive effects on current programmes and improve future programming;

11. Requests the Administrator to report separately on the implementation of this decision to the Governing Council at its thirty-eighth session (1991).

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Addendum

Least Developed Countries

The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 44/211 entitled "Operational Activities for Development",

Recalling also Governing Council decision 90/2 entitled "Least developed countries",

1. Takes note of the Administrator's report contained in document 1990/89;

2. Notes the financial support provided by the United Nations Development Programme through the Special Measures Fund for Least Developed Countries towards the preparation for the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

3. Recognizes that the increasing and special needs of the least developed countries warrant a substantial increase in resources to be allocated to the least developed countries on a predictable, continuous and assured basis;

4. Requests the Administrator to submit to the Second United Nations Conference on Least Developed Countries concrete proposals on ways to support and strengthen the development process of least developed countries in the 1990s;

5. Invites the Administrator to make available to the Governing Council at its next session the evaluation report on round-table conferences and consultative groups undertaken by a group of experts at the request of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

6. Requests the Administrator to undertake, through the Central Evaluation Office, an evaluation of the contribution of the United Nations Development Programme to strengthening the capacity of least developed countries to co-ordinate their external assistance;

7. Reiterates its request to the Administrator to redefine the original mandate of the Special Measures Fund for the Least Developed Countries in the light of decision 90/2 and calls upon the international community, in particular the donor countries, to substantially increase the level of resources in real terms of the Special Measures Fund and the United Nations Capital Development Fund;

8. Notes with concern the increasing marginalization of the least developed countries in the development process and stresses the importance of expanded and effective support by the United Nations Development Programme to their human resource development and national capacity-building for accelerating economic growth and development;

9. Requests the Administrator to report to the Governing Council at its next session on the role of the United Nations Development Programme in the follow-up and implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s to be adopted at the Second United Nations Conference on Least Developed Countries;

10. Also requests the Administrator to report to the Governing Council at its thirty-eighth session on the implementation of the present decision.

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Addendum

Promotion of national capacity - skilled personnel

The Governing Council,

Reaffirming the responsibility of recipient countries to provide full counterpart support to projects receiving funding from the United Nations Development Programme, in accordance with the provisions set out in project documents,

Reaffirming also the responsibility of the Administrator to ensure that projects receiving support from the United Nations Development Programme will be sustainable after the scheduled termination of that support,

Recognizing the severe budgetary constraints in many developing countries,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator (DP/1990/22) and of the views expressed by the delegations during the debate;

2. Decides that the existing policy of the United Nations Development Programme to provide, on an exceptional basis, limited supplementary payments to project counterpart staff, as described in paragraph 20 of the Administrator's report (DP/1990/22), should be maintained;

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3. Requests the Administrator to provide support, at the request of Governments, to civil service reform programmes, which address, inter alia, the question of compensation for skilled personnel, and, in exceptional circumstances, to assist the Governments of countries undertaking reforms to establish centrally co-ordinated short-term incentive programmes, described in paragraphs 32-37 of the report of the Administrator (DP/1990/22), provided that: (a) such programmes are linked to operational plans and timetables for implementing comprehensive Government pay and benefit systems applicable to all and are fairly administered; and (b) such programmes are formulated and agreed upon within the framework of round-table conferences and Consultative Groups, or - in the absence thereof - equivalent country-level aid co-ordinating mechanisms.

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Addendum

National execution

The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 44/211 of 22 December 1989 entitled "Comprehensive triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system", and in particular paragraphs 18, 19, and 24 thereof, relating to Government/national execution of programmes and projects funded by the United Nations system for development,

Recalling also Governing Council decision 89/20 on the role of the United Nations Development Programme in the 1990s which reaffirmed the need for increased attention to national capacity-building for self-reliance,

Recognizing the need to take specific decisions on measures designed to promote and maximize the utilization of national capacities through national execution, to ensure that programmes and projects are managed in an integrated manner, and to promote their long-term sustainability and wider impact on the development process,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator (DP/1990/33) and the proposed definition of national execution as contained in paragraph 8 as well as the statements made by delegations during the debate;

2. Agrees that national execution entails, inter alia, overall responsibility for the management of United Nations Development Programme-assisted programmes and projects and recognizes that national execution does not necessarily imply having capacity for implementing all aspects of the project cycle;

3. Recognizes the responsibility of the recipient Governments, in agreement with the Administrator, to determine the modality and manner of execution and implementation and that the fifth cycle commencement and the introduction of successor arrangements for agency support costs, 1 January 1992, provide an opportunity to pursue and accelerate the national execution of United Nations Development Programme-assisted projects and programmes;

4. Requests the Administrator, in consultation with Governments and, when needed, the specialized and technical agencies of the United Nations system, to submit to the Governing Council, at its thirty-eighth session (1991), proposals for assisting recipient Governments to build up their programme management and administrative capacities, taking into account the need for:

(a) More programme-oriented mechanisms for the provision of technical co-operation, with a view to allowing more flexible and effective support of national programmes;

(b) Further decentralization of the technical and operational capacities of the United Nations system to the country level in order to, inter alia, transfer the locus of project management activities from the United Nations Development Programme and agency headquarters to the country level, and make more effective use of national capacity;

(c) Closer co-operation among field staff of the United Nations system in providing integrated technical and operational support to the Government-led implementation of United Nations Development Programme-assisted programmes and projects;

(d) Simplification, harmonization and adaptation of rules, procedures and formats governing all aspects of the programming processes and the project cycles;

(e) Increase use of services from governmental and non-governmental institutions and firms and to make maximum use of national institutions and firms, if available, within the recipient countries;

5. Requests the Administrator to take all necessary measures to maintain his accountability and continue to apply adequate accounting, reporting and auditing procedures to ensure that accepted standards of accountability normally applying to programmes and projects of the United Nations Development Programme are maintained for nationally executed projects in the light of paragraph 4 (d) of the present decision;

6. Also requests the Administrator to bring to the attention of Governments, during the consideration of various implementation options under national execution, the importance of continued participation, as required, of the specialized agencies of the United Nations system in the programming, monitoring, evaluation and implementation of projects and programmes supported by the United Nations Development Programme;

7. Approves, as a transitional measure for projects approved before 1 January 1992, the continued use of add-on funds for the purpose specified in Governing Council decision 82/8 of June 1982 and agrees to these funds being advanced to Governments against the anticipated delivery of nationally executed projects; and requests the Administrator to report to the Governing Council at its thirty-eighth session on the implementation of this decision;

8. Requests the Administrator to report to the Governing Council at its thirty-ninth session (1992) on progress made in the implementation of this decision.

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Addendum

Micro-capital grants

The Governing Council,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on micro-capital grants (DP/1990/21);

2. Endorses the concept of micro-capital support in association with technical assistance programmes;

3. Authorizes the Administrator to implement such support, as part of mainstream technical co-operation, by using existing mechanisms for example United Nations Volunteers and United Nations Capital Development Fund for supporting local grass-roots initiatives provided that United Nations Development Programme field offices are not involved in the direct management of these activities;

4. Authorizes the Administrator to seek, where necessary and available, co-financing at the local level and the involvement of the community and the local non-governmental organizations;

5. Requests the Administrator to report on the progress of the micro-capital support to the Governing Council at its thirty-ninth session (1992).

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